

**WATCHUNG
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES**

June 27, 2012

CALL TO ORDER-

President's Statement: President Robert Riedinger called the meeting to order at 7 PM and made the following statement: Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting has been posted at Borough Hall and sent to the official newspapers.

ROLL CALL-

Riedinger (P), Black, Council Liaison (A); Stambaugh (P); Ellis (P); Pogosky (A); Ruck (P); Jubin (P); Savulich (A), Lindenmeier (A); Franklin (P)

Also present were Middlebrook Representative-Kevin Sumner, Borough Attorney Albert Cruz and Councilman William Nehls. **Although not present at roll call George Pogosky arrived 7:10 PM and Councilman Stephen Black arrived at 7:20 PM**

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 28, 2012 MEETING

A motion was moved by Bruce Ruck and seconded by Ronald Jubin all members in attendance – “aye”

Report of Vital Statistics for :

March

Births - Male- 2 Female- 2
Deaths- Male- 1 Female- 1
Marriages – 4
Domestic Partnerships – 0
Civil Unions - 0

April

Births - Male- 2 Female- 0
Deaths- Male- 0 Female- 3
Marriages- 3
Domestic Partnerships - 0
Civil Unions – 0

May

Births - Male- 4 Female- 0
Deaths- Male- 1 Female- 1
Marriages - 1
Domestic Partnerships-0
Civil Unions – 0

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORTS FOR: (Kevin Sumner)

March/April/May (attached)

Kevin noted it has been relatively quiet. There was a question from Fran Ellis regarding the Medical Students.

Response from Kevin was that UMDNJ- Newark requires their Medical students to do a Public Health Rotation. He agreed to sponsor two (2) Students to do an internship. He learned there was no structured program at UMDNJ and he also sat on another committee to help set up a program for students (internships, online programs, etc)

Bruce Ruck questioned Kevin about the dog bite incident. Kevin said Robin contacted the person by letter informing them that they should follow-up with their doctor to see if rabies treatment is recommended. There is no follow up by Middlebrook needed.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO MIDDLE BROOK

Fran Ellis attended the last meeting. Somerset County Survey – 2000 plus were surveyed to get a sample of County 18+ years old. The survey included questions about health and behavior. County must do a “Needs Assessment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Septic Ordinance Amendment: The reason for the amendment was to address residents’ concerns with the sewer project on Johnston and Valley Drives and possibility of either exemptions or deferrals.

Attorney Albert Cruz spoke to the Board regarding the Septic Ordinance. He said there is no immediate urgency to pass the Ordinance. He then asked Kevin Sumner to discuss changes discussed. He then turned the meeting over to Kevin Sumner to discuss the changes suggested at a meeting attended by Mr. Cruz, Mr. Sumner and Councilman Nehls.

Kevin stated that our Ordinance is stricter than the State Requirements. (We cannot have an Ordinance that is less than State requirements).

Amendments to the Ordinance previously discussed at the March 28th 2012 meeting were presented and discussed in detail.

The sewer connection time frame, deferrals, exemptions and septic system age at time of acceptance of public sewer by Municipal Governing body were the main concerns of some of the Board members. Financial hardship was not included in the amended version.

The cost if a pump is required for the system when hooking up to the sewer was mentioned and Councilman Nehls stated that there is a credit if a pump is required. He also noted that all residents were told at a public hearing that they would get this credit and it would be taken off their assessment.

When the sewer installation is completed and accepted by the Municipal Governing Body a notice is sent to all affected property owners that the system is ready and they must connect.

Possible time frame for the project: put out for Bid in September and award in December. Hopefully construction would then start in Spring/Summer 2013. Project will take approximately 1-1/2 to 2 years before property owners can hook-up.

Kevin Sumner will make the changes discussed at this meeting and send it out for review prior to our September 19th meeting.

President Riedinger requested a roll call to accept the revisions discussed:

Riedinger, Stambaugh, Ellis, Pogosky, Jubin – Aye
Ruck - Abstain

NEW BUSINESS-

Resolution appointing MaryAnn Hance as Registrar and Michelle DeRocco as Deputy Registrar:

Bruce Ruck moved to approve and seconded by Harriet Stambaugh and upon roll call all members in attendance approved.

Lynn Franklin inquired about the Tobacco Ordinance. Kevin said the Laws and Ordinance Committee recommended that we should not move forward with this concept.

Lynn suggested further discussion be put on our September agenda.

Kevin will forward what he has and the Secretary will forward information to all members prior to the September meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BOROUGH:

4/14/12 – Report of Animal bite from Overlook Medical Center

4/18/12 – NJDEP – Recreational fish consumption advisories

6/06/12 – Environmental Compliance Brigade Corp (Torrs Valero)

No discussion.

MIDDLEBROOK:

Items for discussion attached list

No discussion

VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT-

Moore Wallace North America (Registrar Safety Paper) - \$125.00

Ronald Jubin moved to approve payment with a second By Fran Ellis. And upon roll call all members in attendance approved.

PUBLIC PORTION: There was no public in attendance

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion to adjourn by Harriet Stambaugh, seconded by Bruce Ruck. All in favor

The next scheduled meeting will be held September 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069

Respectfully submitted

MaryAnn Hance

Secretary